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FOLLOWING SENT ACTION SECSTATE FROM PARIS MAR 14 REPEATED YOU:

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1. FURTHER TEXT OF DECLARATION REFLECTING EXPERTS DISCUSSION IN MARCH 13 AND 14 SESSIONS OF SUBJECT MEETING IS TRANSMITTED HEREWITH. FINAL COMPLETE TEXT WILL BE AVAILABLE MARCH 15. SEPTELS FOLLOW FROM SALANS.

2. WHILE NOT YET PUT IN FINAL FORM, DRAFT DECLARATION TITLE CITED PARA 2 REFTEL (B) AND NEW LAST PREAMBULAR PARAGRAPH WILL BE CHANGED TO REFLECT FOLLOWING LANGUAGE:
DRAFT DECLARATION OF FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES CONCERNING THE STRENGTHENING OF PEACE AND INTERNATIONAL UNDERSTANDING
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AND COMBATING WAR PROPAGANDA, RACIALISM AND APARTHEID

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BY THE MASS MEDIA.

3. NEW SECOND PREAMBULAR PARA HAS BEEN REVISED TO READ:
QUOTE - RECALLING THE PURPOSES AND PRINCIPLES OF
THE UN AS SPECIFIED IN THE CHARTER - END QUOTE

4. ON MARCH 15 WORKING GROUP INCLUDING SALANS AND SOVIET (KOSSOV) WROTE NEW ARTICLE TO BE PLACED NEAR END OF NEW DRAFT. THIS ARTICLE REPLACES OLD ARTICLE I OF ORIGINAL DRAFT, WHICH WILL BE:
QUOTE- THE RESPONSIBILITY OF A STATE IN THE INTERNATIONAL
SPHERE FOR THE ACTION OF THE MASS MEDIA UNDER ITS
JURISDICTION IS GOVERNED BY CUSTOMARY INTERNATIONAL LAW
AND RELEVANT INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS - END QUOTE

5. SUBJECT FINAL MODIFICATION NEW ARTICLE 4WILL BE:
QUOTE - THE MASS MEDIA SHOULD HELP PROMOTE THE BROADENING
OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND UNDERSTANDING, THE REDUCTION
OF TENSIONS, AND THE PEACEFUL SETTLEMNT OF DISPUTES BETWEEN
STATES NOT ONLY BY MEANS OF REPORTING TO OTHER NATIONS THE
AIMS, ASPIRATIONS, NEEDS AND CULTURE OF THEIR OWN COUNTRY
BUT ALSO BY PRESENTING THE AIMS, ASPIRATIONS, NEEDS AND
CULTURE OF OTHER NATIONS TO THEIR OWN PUBLIC - END QUOTE

6. NEW ARTICLE 6 WILL READ:
QUOTE - RACISM, RACIAL DISCRIMINATION AND APARTHEID ARE
CONTRARY TO INTERNATIONAL ENGAGEMENTS AND THE UNIVERSAL
DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS; MASS MEDIA SHOULD, THEREFORE,
ADOPT APPROPRIATE MEASURES TO AVOID INCITEMENT TO RACIAL
DISCRIMINATION, ACTS OF VIOLENCE OR ENCOURAGEMENT OF SUCH
ACTS AGAINST ANY GROUP OF PERSONS BECAUSE OF THEIR RACE,
COLOR OR ETHNIC ORIGIN- END QUOTE

7. NO FINAL LANGUAGE YET ON OLD ARTICLE 7 BUT THERE IS GENERAL CONSENSUS THAT BASIC SUBSTANCE SHOULD BE RETAINED RE "RIGHT OF CORRECTION" WITH MODIFICATION OF "SERIOUS" INJURY INCLUDED AS RECOMMENDED IN SWISS (BOURGUIN) CONSULTANT'S COMMENTS ON ORIGINAL TEXT. HOWEVER THERE IS ALSO STRONG CONSENSUS THAT ARTICLE IS CLEARLY NOT INTEDED TO INCORPORATE BY IMPLICATION THE CONVENTION ON INTERNATIONAL RIGHT OF CORRECTION.
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8. OLD ARTICLE 8 HAS BEEN APPROVED LARGELY AS IS, SUBJECT FINAL REVISION BY SECRETARIAT BUT WITH INCLUSION OF ARGENTINE (WAVALA) CONCEPT THAT STATES ALSO SHOULD ENCOURAGE "FOSTERING OF MEDIA TECHNOLOGICAL INDEPENDENCE."

9. NEW ARTICLE 9, SUBJECT SECRETARIAT POLISHING, WILL BE:
QUOTE - EFFORTS SHOULD BE MADE TO CREATE AND STRENGTHEN

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PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND ENSURE THAT THEY CAN CONTRIBUTE
TO ACHIEVEMENT OF THE OBJECTIVES OF THIS DECLARATION;
EFFORTS SHOULD BE MADE BY THEM ON A NATIONAL, REGIONAL,
AND INTERNATIONAL LEVEL TO ENCOURAGE HIGH ETHICAL STANDARDS
AND IMPROVE THE TECHNICAL TRAINING OF MEDIA PERSONNEL,
TO ENCOURAGE THE USE OF THE MEDIA TO SPREAD IDEAS OF PEACE,
FRIENDSHIP AND MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING AMONG NATONS - END QUOTE

10. OLD ARTICLE 10 APPROVED AS IS.

11. ENTIRELY NEW ARTICLE APPROVED IN PRINCIPLE THAT WILL
ENCOURAGE MASS MEDIA TO PROMOTE THE PRINCIPLES CONTAINED
IN ARTICLE 26 OF THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS RE
YOUTH AND EDUCATION.
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